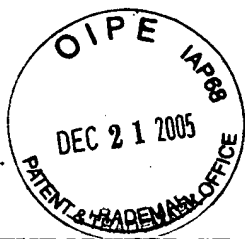


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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed, except only for the cited U.S. Patent.

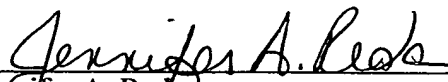
For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document, Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. Hei 07/288,634, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English abstract.

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